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SUBJECT: W/W/INJURED TUNA FISHERMAN DAVID GONSALVES

REF: MONK/SCHMIDT TELECON AND SCHMIDT/CELLA TELECON, JANUARY 20.

1. ACCORDING TO LATEST NEWS RECEIVED FROM CONSULAR AGENT PIURA WHO PERSONALLY HANDLED MANY DETAILS OF GONSALVES CARE AT TALARA, GONSALVES DEPARTED TALARA SUNDAY JANUARY 22 WITH CONNECTING FLIGHT IN LIMA TO LOS ANGELES. HE WAS ACCOMPANIED BY HIS EMPLOYER, THE OWNER OF

THE FISHING VESSEL SARATOGA. AEROPERU HAS CONFIRMED THAT HE WAS ON THEIR FLIGHT TO LOS ANGELES.

2. AS NOTED IN SCHMIDT/CELLA CONVERSATION, EVACUATION WAS NOT NECESSARY AND THE AIR FORCE IN PANAMA HAD BEEN SO NOTIFIED. GONSALVES INJURIES, ACCORDING TO DOCOTR WHO PERFORMED SURGICAL REPAIR, WERE MAINLY TO OUTER EAR WITH COMPLETE EVALUATION OF POSSIBLE DAMAGE TO INNER EAR IMPOSSIBLE FOR AT LEAST A WEEK. HE COMMENTED THAT HE HAD CARRIED OUT PLASTIC SURGERY TO REJOIN SEVERED PORTION OF EAR TO HEAD AND TO COVER EXPOSED CARTILAGE AND THAT HE DID NOT BELIEVE FURTHER PLASTIC SURGERY TO OUTER EAR WOULD BE REQUIRED. SURGEONREPORTED NO CRANIAL INJURIES.

3. DELIVERY OF GONSALVES PASSPORT BY EMPLOYER ELIMINATED POSSIBLE DIFFICULTY WITH PERUVIAN IMMIGRATION AUTHORITIES, ALTHOUGH NEITHER EMBASSY NOR CONSULAR AGENT ANTICIPATED REAL
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DIFFICULTY IN DOCUMENTING GONSALVES FOR LEGAL ENTRY AND DEPARTURE.

4. CONSULAR AGENT COMMENTED THAT FROM PERSONAL OBSERVATION OF GROUP INTERACTION HE BELIEVED THAT NATIONAL FISHERIES OBSERVER ON BOARD SARATOGA WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR MUCH OF INSISTANCE ON AIR FORCE EVACUATION OF GONSALVES. HE NOTED THAT IT HAD BEEN

NECESSARY FOR HOSPITAL PERSONNEL, FOR INSTANCE, TO INSIST THAT
OBSERVER DEPART HOSPITAL AFTER SUCCESSFUL OPERATION ON GOSALVES
EAR. OWNER OF SARATOGA INDIRECTLY CONFIRMED THIS IMPRESSION BY
COMMENTING TO CONSULAR AGENT ON SUNDAY THAT QTE REALLY PANICKY
UNQTE MESSAGES ORIGINATING WITH VESEL HAD CAUSED GENERAL OVERREACTION
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